

26 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL WHITE

1. You will recall your request for a report on the background of the cable which went to [] stating that the policy prohibiting employment of wives of Agency personnel was rescinded.

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2. [] has prepared a report which traces the chronology of the whole business. In brief, the Chief of [] FE Division, unilaterally issued a policy statement in June 1953 to the effect that no wife of a staff employee would be employed in the same unit, whether at Headquarters or overseas, in any organization coming under []. The policy came to light as a result of protests from the field, and was cancelled on 7 August 1953.

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3. Jack tells me that [] has used this episode to emphasize his insistence that unilateral action by the operating divisions of this type has to be discontinued. Meanwhile his own office has drafted a policy on the subject. This draft is attached for your information only. It has not been coordinated with Personnel or Comptroller or any other interested offices. Jack assures me that this will be done prior to issuance.

298 4. No other action recommended.

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